Puduval Survey Operations.

115. **MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI** (*Trivandrum* cum *Neduvangad*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) when the *puduval* survey operations were started in pursuance of G. O. Dis. No. 87-1 of 1921/Land Revenue, dated the 19th January 1921;

(*b*) the expenditure incurred by the Government on account of the initial demarcation and survey of *puduval* lands; and

(*c*) the expenditure incurred on account of correction and rectification ofthis work till the close of the year 1101?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) 1st Makaram 1096.

(*b*) Rs. 1,39,888.

(*c*) Rs. 22,152.

MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Trivandrum* cum *Neduvangad*): Was it on account of the inefficiency of the staff deputed for the initial survey that Rs. 22,000 odd had to be expended for correction work?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): Correction is inevitable in all survey work.

MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Trivandrum* cum *Neduvangad*): Is it on account of the inefficiency of the staff that Government had to spend such a large sum on correction work?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): Correction work is done in cases where there are mistakes.

MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Trivandrum* cum *Neduvangad*): In consideration of the large sum of Rs. 22,000 that had to be spent for correction work, is the learned Secretary prepared to say that the mistakes were not considerable?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): Rs. 22,000 had to be spent on correction work. The cost of the initial survey was Rs. 1,39,000. I leave it to the member to draw his own inference as to the proportion of the cost of correction work to the total cost of survey.

MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Trivandrum* cum *Neduvangad*): Was the staff that did the initial survey quite efficient?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): The staff was fairly efficient. They were 'survey trained' men.

MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Trivandrum* cum *Neduvangad*): If the staff had been efficient, may I know why there is such a large percentage of corrections?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): The proportion of the cost of correction to the total expenditure on survey is probably not a correct guide as to the volume of errors requiring correction. The Survey Superintendent will have to be asked whether the percentage of errors was really high, having regard to the area surveyed.

MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Trivandrum* cum *Neduvangad*): Will the Government be pleased to do it?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): Yes.

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